

Introduction

Washington state government is committed to the effective and efficient delivery of services to constituents and businesses. To this end, government services need to be provided from the perspective of a cohesive, single state enterprise. An Enterprise Architecture (EA) helps reduce red tape, minimize redundancies, and optimize service delivery.

The Washington State Enterprise Architecture Committee (EAC) is a collaborative governance model and architectural framework that optimizes state technology resources. The EAC provides leadership to align executive sponsorship, business goals, and technological strategies across the diverse set of business functions and organizations.

Mission

The Enterprise Architecture Committee's mission, subject to the adoption by the Information Services Board, is to provide leadership to and identify the business and technical strategies of the Enterprise Architecture Program (EAP).

The mission of the Enterprise Architecture Committee is to build and maintain an enterprise architecture program that guides and optimizes state resources; enables agencies to meet their strategic goals; facilitates the management of organizational and technological change and complexity; and helps agencies manage the state's IT resources as assets within its portfolio of investments.

Objectives

The EAC is a statewide initiative designed to enable collaboration between the state's independent business programs and information systems. Objectives of the EAC are to:

- Promote efficient and effective use of state resources
- Develop and implement a shared enterprise vision and architecture framework
- Align IT strategies with business goals
- Improve business workflow via shared IT infrastructure and unified policies
- Maintain security and privacy
- Facilitate cross-organizational sharing of enterprise data
- Identify duplicative investments and opportunities for collaboration
- Promote reuse of architectural components
- Extend linkages between Federal and local jurisdictions

Goals

- Guide efforts to plan, design, and implement an enterprise architecture program for Washington state government.
- Establish an architecture baseline, gather business drivers, develop and maintain a target architecture and implementation plan.
- Develop enterprise technical architecture principles, practices, processes, policies, standards and guidelines.
- Establish alignment between the technical architecture and the state strategic IT plan and the priorities of government.